

Add Information on Facilities for Lease

The Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, recently announced that idle industrial facilities at Joliet Arsenal Ordnance Plant were available for lease for commercial purposes.

Additional details on the facilities available for lease at Joliet Arsenal Ordnance Plant have been made public by Col. S. W. Parnelle Jr., commanding officer, as a result of numerous questions asked by residents of nearby communities.

Col. Parnelle made clear that the facilities that are now being utilized in operations are not being offered for lease. Operations continue at the Elwood Unit of the Joliet Arsenal.

"Only those facilities which are not being used at the present time have been made available for lease," Col. Parnelle explained.

Facilities available for lease at the Joliet Arsenal, Kankakee Unit, which is operated by the United States Rubber Co., for the Ordnance Corps consists of the following idle facilities: Land and buildings; machinery and equipment for production

and storage of nitric acid; blending and pelleting of tetryl; production of trinitrololuene; and dinitrololuene; bisulfite; lead oxide; putty; power houses; toluene storage; pump houses; offices; warehouses; and many other facilities. Proposals for lease will be received by the U. S. Army Engineer District, Chicago, until Jan. 15, 1959, and then publicly opened.

Joliet Arsenal, Elwood Unit, idle facilities available for lease include land and buildings, machinery and equipment for artillery ammunition fuze and booster assembly and storage; administration building. Proposals for lease will be received by the U. S. Army Engineer District,

Chicago, until Jan. 15, and then publicly opened.

"The availability for lease of idle facilities is expected to have no immediate effect on contractor and Joliet Arsenal employment at the Joliet Arsenal," Col. Parnelle said. At present, the contractor employs 475 and the Joliet Arsenal 1,160.

The Kankakee Unit of the Joliet Arsenal is in limited operation and being maintained by the United States Rubber Co. for the Army Ordnance Corps.

He added that the idle facilities at Joliet Arsenal have been made available for lease as a part of the Army's economy program.

Detailed information, invitations for proposals, and sample form of lease may be obtained from the U. S. Army District Engineer at Chicago.